

Remarks/Arguments

The Examiner is thanked for his careful review of this application. Claims 18-31 are pending after entry of the present Amendment. Claims 1-16 were previously cancelled. Rejected independent claim 17 was cancelled.

Amendments were made to rejected claims 18, 19, and 22 and objected to claim 21. As amended, claims 18 and 20 depend from the allowed independent claim 31 while claims 19, 21, and 22 now depend from the allowed independent claim 28. These amendments do not introduce any new matter.

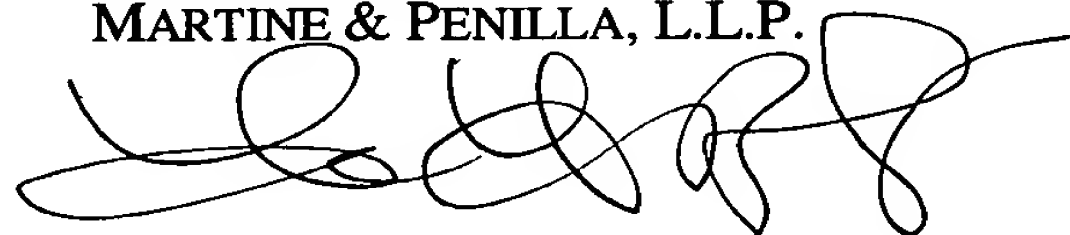
Indication of Allowability:

Applicant hereby acknowledges the Office's confirmation that claims 23-31 are allowed.

Applicant hereby submits that this Response to Advisory Action complies with 37 C.F.R. 1.116(b) and should be entered.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the pending claims 18-31 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present Response to Advisory Action, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 749-6900, ext. 6913. If any additional fees are due in connection with filing this Amendment, the Commissioner is also authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. LAM2P247). A duplicate copy of the transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,
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